



Army Range Policies and Recent Developments

Environmental Support to Range and Munitions

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Army Mission

- The fundamental mission of the Army is to deter war and, failing that, to fight and win with minimum casualties.
- The Army must provide realistic training to prepare soldiers to fulfill their mission.
- Training is conducted on installations in, and outside the continental United States.

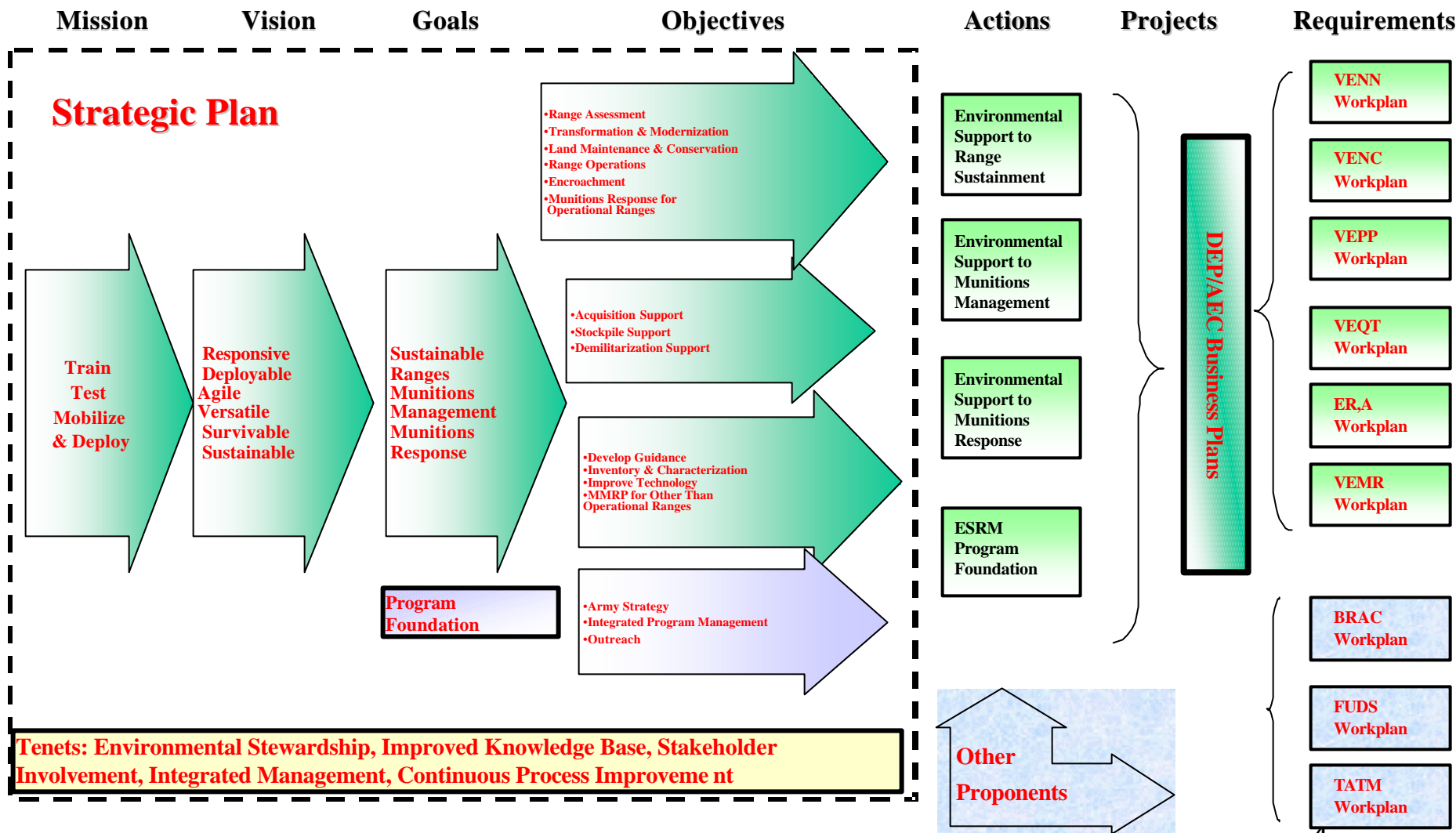


Strategy for Environmental Support to Ranges and Munitions

The environmental strategy of The Army's Director of Environmental Programs (DEP) is to ensure that Army operational goals and guidance are fully supported by environmental plans and actions.



Strategic Plan for Support to Ranges and Munitions (ESRM)



Program Execution

ACTIONS

Environmental
Support to
Range
Sustainment

Environmental
Support to
Munitions
Management

Environmental
Support to
Munitions
Response

ESRM
Program
Foundation



PROJECTS

ODEP
&
AEC
Business
Plans



REQUIREMENTS

VENN

VENC

VEPP

VEQT

ER,A

VEMR



Management Decision Package (MDEP)

- Describes a particular organization, program, or function.
- Links manpower and dollars to their intended output.
- Financial management/tracking tool for giving visibility to critical areas.
- Provides a means to record and track program initiatives and accomplishments.



MDEPs

- **VENN** - Conservation
- **VENC** - Compliance
- **VEPP** - Pollution Prevention
- **VEQT** - Env. Quality (Technology)
- **ER,A** - Env. Restoration, Army
- **VEMR** - Munitions and Range



VEMR

- Army leadership has developed a new MDEP to ensure funding for environmental issues associated with ranges.
- This new MDEP is designated as Environmental Munitions and Range (VEMR).
- Range And Munitions Environmental Support Team (**RAMEST**) (Office of the Director of Environmental Programs) is **VEMR MDEP Manager**.



VEMR Management Areas

- **Response.**
 - **On closed ranges & non-operational areas on active installations:** all actions necessary to conduct studies, assessments, & responses to UXO, Munitions & Explosives of Concern (MEC) & Munitions Constituents (MC).
 - **On operational ranges on active installations:** all actions necessary to conduct studies, assessments, and responses to threats of off-post contamination stemming from munitions use, including UXO, MEC and MC. Includes responses associated with legacy munitions, including UXO, MEC and MC. (I.e. MMR).



VEMR Management Areas (Cont'd)

- **Studies.**
 - Includes environmental studies, monitoring, sampling, and data analysis needed to establish a scientifically defensible database and development of tools and methods for assessments.
- **Program Management.**
 - Environmental Program Management contractor support; automation; development of policy and guidance documents; and program management support.
- **Excludes Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) activities.**



Status

- **Proposed MDEP briefed to Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (OACSIM) (7 Feb 02);** *Majority of requirements immediately validated; some follow-up information was required.*
- **Next steps:**
 - *Continued program development.*
 - *Development of Environmental Program Requirements (EPR) Guidance.*
 - **MACOM/installation projects.**



Environmental Program Requirements (EPR) Guidance

- EPR guidance is under development for environmental projects associated with munitions & range activities.
- Intended for all environmental projects to be funded by the new VEMR MDEP.



EPR Range Guidance

- Proposed Guidance will:
 - Link range and munitions operations & activities to the Army's environmental program.
 - Clearly define environmental requirements.
 - Distinguish between operational projects and valid range environmental projects.
 - Minimize restrictions on military training.



Proposed Guidance (Cont'd)

- Ensure environmental projects for range and munitions issues/activities are properly identified, submitted and validated in the EPR.
- Provide the Range MDEP Manager tools to better manage range issues and defend future funding requirements.



Timeline

- HQDA Funded Efforts FY 04 – FY 09.
 - Environmental Support to Operational Ranges Program.
 - Emissions Characterization Study.
 - UXO Corrosion Study.
- MACOM/Installation Requirements.
 - Guidance final by Spring 03.
 - Projects programmed Fall 03.



Questions?



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